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Toni Hardesty
Director
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1445 North Orchard
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Director Hardesty,

In compliance with HB 586, elected officials from the City of Middleton have met numerous times with representatives from Canyon County and our sister cities to discuss how we would approach vehicle emissions and other air quality issues within our City.

Under the negotiated rule, Middleton has the option to (1) enter into a joint powers agreement with DEQ to implement a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program; (2) Obtain Department approval to implement an alternative motor vehicle emissions control strategy that will result in emissions reductions equivalent to that of a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program; or (3) do nothing.

This letter is to inform you that the City of Middleton has selected Option 2.

The City of Middleton is in a unique situation, since we contract to Canyon County for our law enforcement services. Canyon County has set forth a comprehensive plan to not only reduce vehicle emissions, but also to work to improve air quality by reducing and eliminating other harmful practices within Canyon County. We will follow all policies and practices set forth by Canyon County.

We have requested from DEQ a list of ozone-friendly landscaping. When we receive this list, we will incorporate it into our City Code and require use of these trees and plants by developers in our city. We will continue to encourage our employees and citizens to be good stewards of their environment through their actions and will educate them accordingly. We have posted "No Idling" signs throughout our City and are in the process of creating a city wide policy to that effect. Our Phase 1 vapor recovery program has been in place for several years. The Canyon County Sheriff's officers enforce all County ordinances within our City. This includes a burn ordinance as well as a covered load ordinance.

We are thankful for DEQ's assistance in implementing HB586. We will continue to work with you and with Canyon County to explore other options for reducing harmful emissions within our City and within the Treasure Valley air shed.

Sincerely,

Vicki Thurber
Mayor

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